
Gnarr Creek Air Vent Tower

Location

CNR. CRESWICK ROAD, AND DOVETON STREET NORTH, BALLARAT CENTRAL, BALLARAT CITY

Municipality

BALLARAT CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO151

Heritage Listing

Ballarat City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

No SoS provided in this citation. Please refer to the Attachments section in this place record for further information.

Heritage Study/Consultant Ballarat - Ballarat Conservation Study, Jacobs Lewis Vines Architects, 1978;

Construction dates 1884,

Hermes Number 120840

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This brick exhaust vent was built in 1884 for the City of Ballarat. The contract sum was 1200, and the original drawings are held by the Council.

It was constructed over the Gnarr Creek culvert and now forms part of the impressive drainage system of Ballarat. This system was necessitated by the urban development of many low lying areas which were subject to flooding, and in particular Briegle Street. The drains feature bluestone and brick work lining of a high standard, particularly the brick vaulted sections. Some road bridges over it carry very fine wrought iron balustrading. This vent is of an octagonal section, constructed of brick with a graceful taper to the free stone quasi doric capping. It rises some 17 metres above a partly dressed and partly rusticated bluestone base'.

The exhaust vent is important as an intact well designed and detailed example of industrial architecture. It is an obvious manifestation of this important and possibly unique drainage system.

Integrity

INTACT

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